

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This present Response is being filed in reply to the Office Action dated August 19, 2008. Applicant requests a two month extension of time, including the associated fee, extending the period of response to and including January 21, 2008.

By the present amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 4, 7, 9, 11, and 15-20 are pending in the application.

Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and drawings, including the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added. The amendment of the claims should in no way be construed to be in acquiescence to any of the rejections. The amendment of the claims is being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or subsequent patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4, 7, 9, 11, and 15-20 are allowed.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morrison (U.S. Patent No. 5,910,141). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection based on the following arguments.

By the present amendment, claims 1 and 5 are canceled without prejudice rendering moot the rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is requested. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (508) 880-8488.

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